MR. M GOVINDA PILLAI : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) No.

Lower Grade Clerks in the Secretariat.

373 ✱ MR. P. K. KUNJU (*Quilon* cum *Kottarakara*) : Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table ;

(*a*) the latest gradation list of the lower grade clerks in the Secretariat ;

(*b*) a statement by caste, of the lower grade clerks in the Secretariat who are recently confirmed ;

(*c*) a statement, by caste, of those lower grade clerks in the Secretariat whose claims were overlooked when their question of confirmation was decided recently ;

(*d*) a statement showing (1) the names, (2) the total service and (3)the rank of each one of those clerks in the lower grade of the Secretariat who were recently confirmed in the grade of Rs. 40 to 70 ;

(*e*) a statement showing the names of those lower grade clerks whose claims were overlooked, when the question of confirmation was decided ; and

(*f*) statements, by caste, of the clerks in the Confidential Section in the Secretariat on the 7th Kanni 1109 and on the 1st of Chingom 1113 ?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI : (*a*) & (*b*) There are no lower grade clerks in the Secretariat. If the member refers to clerks on Rs. 25-40, the *statements asked for are laid on the table.

(*c*) The claims of no lower grade clerks were overlooked.

(*d*) (1) & (2). A †statement showing the names and total service of the non-graduate clerks who were confirmed on Rs. 40-70 in Chingom 1113 is laid on the table.

(3) As they have been confirmed on Rs. 40-70 they have no rank in the list of clerks on Rs. 25-40.

(*e*) In view of the answer to part (*c*), this does not arise.

(*f*) The ‡ statement is laid on the table.

Women's Co-operative Societies.

374 ✱ SREEMATI T. NARAYANI AMMA (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of women's co-operative societies in the State and the number of women in the co-operative movement at the end of 1112 ;

(*b*) the number of honorary organisers at the end of 1112 ;

(*c*) the number of Co-operative Inspectors at the end of the said period ; and

(*d*) the number of ladies among them ?

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* *Vide* Appendix VII—Page 1350.

† *Vide* Appendix VII (a) & (b)—Pages 1354 & 1355.

‡ *Vide* Appendix VII (c)—Page 1356.

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MR. P. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: (*a*)

(i) 10.
(ii) 24,022

(*b*) Nil.
(*c*) 36.
(*d*) Nil.

Newspapers received by the Commissioner of Police.

375 *MR. M. G. MATTHEW (*Karunagapally* cum *Karthikapally*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Police Commissioner is receiving the copies of every issue of every newspaper published in the State; and

(*b*) if so, whether they will be pleased to lay on the table a complete list of newspapers (Dailies, Weeklies, Bi-weeklies, and Tri-Weeklies) received by the Commissioner of Police during the month of Makaram 1113?

MR. M. RAMACHANDRA RAO: The member is referred to the answer to interpellation (unstarred) No. 8 [70].

Deputation for the Protection of cocoanut cultivation.

376 *MR. P. K. KUMARAN (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state the result of the recent deputation to Simla for the protection of cocoanut cultivation in Travancore?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: The deputation waited on the Hon'ble the Commerce Member, the Hon'ble the Finance Member and the Hon'ble Member for Lands, Health and Education, of the Government of India and discussed with them the various aspects of the question of affording adequate protection to the cocoanut industry. The deputation furnished necessary facts and figures to prove the urgent necessity for the protection of the industry and submitted a note setting forth the arguments for protection. In the course of the discussion the Hon'ble Members asked for some additional data which were not available at the time. Dr. Kunjan Pillai, after his return from Simla, had these data collected, and prepared another note, which is being transmitted to the Government of India. From what is stated above it will be seen that the question of giving adequate protection to the cocoanut industry is under the consideration of the Government of India.

The "Cocoanut delegation."

377 *MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*): Will the Government be pleased to state;

(*a*) the object with which the cocoanut delegation approached the Government of India; and

(*b*) the nature and results of the attempts made by the delegation?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: (*a*) The delegation approached the Government of India with the object of representing the necessity for the grant of adequate protection to the cocoanut industry.

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